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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: David S. Breed  
Serial No.: ~~Not yet known~~ 9(753,186  
Filed: January 2, 2001  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
CONTROLLING A VEHICULAR  
COMPONENT

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 2, 2001

Sir:

Applicant herewith submits a list of references including those cited during the prosecution of the parent application, U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/137,918, and those cited in the specification.

A copy of each of the references cited during the prosecution of the parent application can be found therein and a copy of each of the new references is enclosed herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists. While the term "reference" is used in citing each of the publications called to the Examiner's attention herein, applicant does not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicant reserves the right to contend, where appropriate, that a reference asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

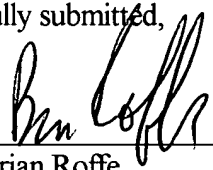
Applicant also reserves the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner independently determine those items that the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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